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SUBJ: YAMAZAKI CALL ON ARMITAGE

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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY DCM YAMAZAKI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY ARMITAGE FEBRUARY 8 TO DISCUSS GROMYKO VISIT AND RESULTS RECENT US-JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS IN TOKYO ON SOVIET AFFAIRS. RE LATTER, ARMITAGE RECAPPED SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES AND UNDERScoreD UTILITY OF MEETINGS.

2. YAMAZAKI'S PRINCIPAL INTEREST WAS ROLE OF MIDDLE EAST IN GROMYKO TALKS. ARMITAGE NOTED THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION IN DETAIL OF NEGOTIATIONS OR SETTLEMENT. GROMYKO PRESSED FOR JOINT US-SOVIET EFFORTS INCLUDING GREATER US-SOVIET ACTIVITY IN GENEVA ROLES AND WE ARE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST, ARMITAGE STRESSED TENTATIVENESS OF CURRE SITUATION, BUT CITED SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR
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INCLUSION NEGOTIATING PROVISION IN UN CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION

AND FIRM US ACTIONS AT THE TWO CRITICAL POINTS WHEN WE FIRST UNDERTOOK RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL AND LATER PRECLUDED UNILATERAL SOVIET INTERVENTION. SOVIETS MUST BE CONCERNED AT RUNNING VERY HIGH RISKS IN SITUATION WHERE THEY DO NOT HAVE STRONG CONTROL.

3. OTHER THAN MIDDLE EAST, ARMITAGE SAID GROMYKO VISIT WAS DEVOTED TO RANGE OF BILATERAL ISSUES. RE CSCE ARMITAGE DREW ON REFTTEL, HIGHLIGHTING THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED DESIRABLE NEGOTIATIONS MOVE FORWARD AND GROMYKO PLUGGED FOR ALLIED "REALISM" IN NOT UNDERESTIMATING STRENGTH OF SOVIET POSITIONS ON INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. MBFR WAS TOUCHED ON; CUBA NOT DISCUSSED. RE SALT AND RECENT STATEMENTS SECDEF SCHLESINGER, ARMITAGE SAID TOPICS NOT REVIEWED IN DETAIL. HE ADDED THAT SOVIETS, WHO HAVE PRESSED FORWARD WITH MISSILE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SURPRISED AT SECDEF'S BASIC MESSAGE REFLECTING US DESIRE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT WITH USSR ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION, BUT DETERMINATION TO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN STRONG US MILITARY POSTURE. KISSINGER

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